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LETELIER-MOFFIT ASSASSINATION

On Sept. 21, 1976, Orlando Letelier and Ronni Moffit were murdered while driving through the diplomatic section of Washington, when a bomb attached to the underside of their car exploded. Evidence in the hands of the Justice Department indicates that Chilean General Augusto Pinochet's secret police, the DINA, carried out the assassination with the help of right-wing Cuban exile terrorists. One year later, none of the killers have been arrested or indicted.

Letelier, 44, was one of the leading critics of the Chilean junta's reign of terror. He had previously held several important positions in Salvador Allende's democratically-elected government, including Ambassador to the US and Minister of Defense. After the 1973 coup, he was imprisoned for a year and later exiled. In 1976, he became the Director of the Transnational Institute, the international program of the Institute for Policy Studies (IPS). Ronni Moffit, 25, also worked for the IPS when she was killed.

The Letelier-Moffit assassinations were carried out by the same intelligence-Mob related circles that JFK assassination researchers have looked at with suspicion for years. Justice Dep't sources said on Sept. 8th that veterans of the Brigade 2506 (Bay of Pigs veterans) were the major suspects, and that they served as assassins-for-hire under the direction of DINA. Jack Anderson reported on the same day that the Justice Dep't, had traced the order to murder Letelier directly to DINA chief Manuel Contreras Sepulveda, without implicating Pinochet himself. This scenario is based, in part, on the fact that DINA was abolished last month, leaving Sepulveda as an easy scapegoat, as he is no longer in an important government position. The dissolving of DINA, however, is only a cosmetic change, as Pinochet's reign of terror continues to haunt Chileans throughout the world.

The Justice Dep't has from the beginning pursued a narrow course of investigation. US officials apparently only want to find out who was involved in the crime per se, without going after the wider political links. Washington observers closely following the case have not been happy with this investigation and believe the full political ramifications of the Letelier-Moffitt killings are being covered up. The extent of the cover-up won't be known until the indictments are actually handed down. It appears as if Sepulveda will be an unindicted co-conspirator and Pinochet (who recently shared dinner and toasts in the White House with President Carter) won't be mentioned. There is strong information, however, that Pinochet directly ordered Sepulveda to have Letelier assassinated.

The Washington grand jury has called Cubans, Chileans, and others to testify during the past year, which has resulted in some sealed indictments. These indictments have been difficult to obtain, however, because people have been reluctant to speak out due to death threats from Cuban exile groups. Among those who have been called are Emilio Duran, consul for the Chilean junta in

Miami and a DINA agent, and two contract Cuban exiles from New Jersey, Jose Dionisio Suarez and Guillermo Novo — all of whom are implicated in the plot. Novo, a demolitions expert, has been a fugitive since June 7th, after missing a parole hearing.

The assassination plot was worked out last year at a secret meeting near Bonao in the Dominican Republic. Also planned at this meeting was the Oct. 6, 1976 bombing that killed 83 persons aboard a Cuban Airlines jet. CORU (the United Revolutionary Organization Command), a Cuban exile umbrella organization, is responsible for these bombings. CORU contains several splinter groups such as "El Condor", which claimed responsibility for two downtown Washington bomb blasts on Sept. 7, 1977 — the day Chilean President Pinochet was in Washington for the signing of the Panama Canal Treaty.

The names of the Letelier-Moffit killers, their motives, and their modus operandi are known to the Justice Dep't. What remains are the more fundamental questions: Will the US authorities actually bring the killers to trial? Will they name General Pinochet and other junta members who ordered the assassination? Why has President Carter taken such a "soft" stand towards the Chilean junta? And will the role of US intelligence agencies, which had previously trained the junta leaders, DINA agents, and the exiles, be revealed in full?

What You Can Do -

1 - We urge you to send letters and telegrams to the White House and to the Attorney General demanding immediate action with regard to solving the Letelier-Moffit assassination. General Pinochet and his junta must be held accountable. A movement has begun in Washington which is calling for a Special Prosecutor to investigate this matter and take it out of the Justice Dep't's hands. This issue is not just the assassination of Leterlier-Moffit or the junta in Chile, but terrorism in our streets by right-wing assassins. A foreign government assassinated two people, an internationally respected diplomat and a dedicated young American woman, and this could happen in any American city if allowed to continue.

2 - Contact ALMA (Action on the Letelier-Moffit Assassinations) for any additional information. (ALMA, c/o IPS, 1901 Q St.NW, Wash., DC 20009 — (202)234-9382). ALMA offers a speaker's program and distribution of two excellent documentary films ("The Long Arm of DINA" and "The Battle of Chile").

3 - We recommend the following articles to your attention: (*Two Deaths In The Morning*, by Saul Landau in Mother Jones, Dec. 1976; and *This Is How It Was Done*, by Saul Landau and Ralph Stavins in The Nation, March 26, 1977.) Both articles are available in reprints from ALMA.



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The House Investigation Progress Report

HSCA BLACKOUT

On August 5, JFK subcommittee chairman Rep. Richardson Prayer acknowledged to the press what had been known by Committee observers since the hiring of Chief Counsel G. Robert Blakey — the HSCA has imposed "almost a total blackout" on its work. The Committee has not issued public hearings at all this summer, although its staff work continues. In early July, Chief Counsel Blakey abolished the Committee's press/public information office. Burt Chardack, the Committee's press officer since its inception, and his assistant, Ty Roberts, were asked to resign from their positions and apparently will not be replaced. Currently, the Committee's public information office consists solely of one desk, on top of which is a single bound black notebook containing past public Committee reports. The notebook is chained to the wall.

HSCA STAFF CHANGES

Robert K. Tannenbaum resigned as Deputy Chief Counsel in charge of the JFK subcommittee as of the first week in August. He had been hired last year by former chief counsel Richard A. Sprague and had been reportedly eager to leave the Committee since Sprague's departure in March. He is moving on to a job in the Justice Department as special assistant to Deputy Attorney General Peter Flaherty. Tannenbaum will (reportedly) head a new Justice Dep't. unit investigating white-collar crime. Robert J. Lehner, Tannenbaum's counterpart on the King subcommittee, will remain on the staff, according to Chief Counsel Blakey.

According to the *Washington Star* (8/19/77), Tannenbaum's replacement is Gary Cornwell, 32, the head of the Justice Dep't. strike force in Kansas City. Cornwell resigned from the Justice Department on July 1 and was expected to join the HSCA staff shortly. A 1970 graduate of the University of Texas law school, Cornwell worked for the Justice Dep't. in Washington for a year before being transferred to Kansas City. The Kansas City strike force was one of the 18 established around the country to investigate major crimes that previously fell between the responsibility of existing law enforcement agencies. Cornwell's most widely known case was the conviction on wiretapping charges of Mafia figure Nichola Civella.

HSCA MEETING

On Friday, Sept. 9th the HSCA held a public meeting to discuss changes in the Committee's rules. The HSCA agreed to hold regular meetings at 10 AM on every Tuesday of each month when the House is in session. These meetings will not necessarily be public.

Chief Counsel Blakey told the Committee that a working arrangement with CIA, the Justice Dep't., and the Secret Service has been established for the exchange of "sensitive information". In response to a question from Rep. Dodd (D-Conn) about Committee plans to eventually disclose all sensitive documents and information at the end of the HSCA's investigation, Blakey said, "I look forward ultimately to tell everybody everything." He also gave the impression that there would be no further public investigative hearings for a long time — until his entire investigation is complete.

The HSCA also unanimously decided, at the suggestion of Chief Counsel Blakey, to go back to the House Rules Committee in order to get the power to grant immunity to witnesses. Under the present guidelines, the HSCA would have to go to the full House for a vote of approval each time they wanted to give a witness immunity. No other House investigations (including the Korean probes) have had to proceed in such a cumbersome fashion.

OPERATION MK-ULTRA

On July 15th, the White House revealed that the CIA had uncovered new details on its experiments with exotic drugs and drug combinations, including a drug used to "abolish consciousness."

First authorized in April 1953 by then-director Allen Dulles, these experiments were part of an extensive and multifarious operation known as MK-ULTRA. Since the original White House disclosure, over 5,000 pages of MK-ULTRA documents have been released, and more material will be forthcoming on a regular basis during the next few weeks.

The MK-ULTRA story reads like a paranoid's nightmare come true. MK-ULTRA was not simply "a program of experimentation with drugs," as CIA director Stansfield Turner first stated when called to testify before the Senate Committee on Intelligence, which has recently resumed probing these activities. A CIA memorandum dated 7/26/63 explicitly describes MK-ULTRA activity as "concerned with the research and development of chemical, biological, and radiological methods capable of employment in clandestine operations to control human behavior."

A wider range of potential mind-control techniques — including hypnosis, electroshock, ESP, psychosurgery, electronic brain stimulation, subliminal manipulation, as well as LSD and other powerful psychedelics synthesized in CIA labs — are represented in the 149 subprojects that comprised MK-ULTRA.

Subproject No.7, for example, involved administering doses of LSD to "normal" unwitting subjects with the hope of determining the extent to which LSD causes "disturbance of memory", "discrediting by aberrant behavior", "alteration of sex patterns", and so on. Another subproject calls for testing surreptitious doses of LSD on schizophrenics and mental patients. Unwitting victims of CIA drug experiments included prisoners, students, government officials, and random civilians, as well as those incarcerated in mental hospitals.

One \$40,000 study managed to conclude that "schizophrenics did not lose their paranoid delusions or hallucinations," when administered doses of an LSD-related drug known as L.A.E., "but became indifferent to them." This effect was described by the CIA as similar to a pre-frontal or "chemical" lobotomy.

Subproject No.109 dealt with a drug that produces "headache clusters". Subproject No.5 mentioned "hypnotically induced anxiety" and "induced pain as a form of physical and psychological control."

Other experiments related to bacterial and chemical warfare agents, sleep research, polygraph and handwriting analysis, and truth serums. Sociological studies were oriented toward working with refugees from East European nations, to find "the most effective way or ways in which repressed and rationalized anti-regime motivations may be aroused or re-activated." Subproject No.102 purported to study "natural groups" in an unnamed urban locale "to test socio-psychological principles and to examine their practical implications for the period of adolescence." Another study sought to analyse behavior in "disaster" situations.

Beyond the harassment and torture suffered by thousands of unwitting victims, the most insidious aspect of MK-ULTRA is

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THE INSPECTOR GENERAL'S REPORT- How Nixon Tried To Blackmail The CIA

What follows is an analysis of the most important aspect of John Ehrlichman's novel, *The Company*, which was largely ignored by critical reviews, and overlooked during the recent TV docu-drama, ABC's Washington: Behind Closed Doors. Only 90 minutes of the 12½ hour ABC production came directly from the Ehrlichman book. "We had to put in a little more soap opera than we wanted because there were some people who felt a story as political as this would not have a broad base of support," said producer David Rintels. When asked if his novel was an accurate representation of the battle between the CIA and the White House, Ehrlichman's only reply was, "Maybe."

John Ehrlichman's scenario seems to be tantalizingly close to actual events. His plot centers around the blackmail and cover-up of the Primula Report, which was written by the Inspector General of the CIA. The report deals with an investigation of a Latin American invasion/assassination which was ordered by a Kennedy-like President (Bill Curry), who is killed — not by assassination, but in a plane crash. The next President, an LBJ-like figure (Escar Scott Anderson), knows of the Report's contents, and then a Nixon-like President (Richard Monckton) uses the report to try and blackmail the CIA. Monckton's efforts are foiled and his blackmail attempts are turned back on him by the CIA Director (Bill Martin), a Richard Helms-like figure who proves to be the book's hero when Monckton's men are caught in an illegal break-in of the office of a Washington columnist. As part of a final deal that is worked out between Monckton and Martin, the CIA Director is transferred to a plush foreign ambassadorship.

What was Nixon's first reaction to the Watergate break-in? One theory is that he tried to cover up White House involvement by blackmailing the CIA into stopping the FBI investigation. The Inspector General's Report (IGR) was the means for the blackmail. Written in 1967, it is an internal report by the CIA's own investigatory staff on the attempts by the CIA to assassinate Fidel Castro in the 1960's. CIA Director Richard Helms ordered the investigation after President Johnson requested that such a report be written. LBJ had just read in Drew Pearson's syndicated column about CIA-Mafia attempts to kill Castro — the first public announcement of these plots. This also conveniently provided the first clear motive for a Castro retaliation theory in the JFK assassination.

All of the working papers of the IGR were destroyed, but one copy of the full Report was preserved in the CIA's archives. Nixon learned of its existence, and it was included on a list of documents Nixon wanted to declassify as a result of the release of the Pentagon Papers. He reasoned that if the liberals were going to declassify the Pentagon Papers, he would also declassify sensitive documents. Thus, a year before the Watergate break-in, Nixon ordered Ehrlichman to procure a copy of the IGR from Helms. Helms refused, indicating he would talk to Nixon about it personally. Ehrlichman explained this story to the Senate Watergate Committee, although he claimed not to know what happened to it after that. Neither does anyone else apparently, except for the principals. Interestingly, within a year Director Helms assumed the duties of US Ambassador to Iran.

On the June 23, 1972 ("smoking gun") tape between Nixon and Haldeman, Nixon says, "we protected Helms from one hell of a lot of things." Haldeman adds, "that's what Ehrlichman says." Nixon then tells Haldeman to remind Helms that a vigorous investigation of the break-in might "blow the whole Bay of Pigs thing, which we think would be very unfortunate — both for CIA and for the country, at this time and for American foreign policy." Nixon is threatening to blackmail the CIA, in an effort to stop the FBI's investigation of the break-in.

Nixon told the Senate Intelligence Committee in 1976, that the phrase, "one hell of a lot of things," referred to Philip Agee's book, *Inside The Company*, which he had heard and talked about earlier in the year with Helms. But the NY Times maintains that Nixon was referring to the IGR. The year-old plan to counter the disclosure of the Pentagon Papers seems to have been transferred to an area of more immediate concern — Watergate.

The questioning of witnesses and the writing of the IGR was handled by the Inspector General (Gordon Stewart, who succeeded Lyman Kirkpatrick, Jr.) and his staff. The staff members, all of whom are now dead except for one person, interviewed all of the top CIA brass, including Directors Helms and McCone, and the two successive Heads of Operations against Cuba, Wm. Harvey and Desmond Fitzgerald. The Church Committee was the only investigative body to deal with the IGR — it served as their chief documentary source. All of their information on poison cigars, diving suits, exploding sea-shells, and shell-fish toxin derives from the IGR.

The IGR has been an object of political blackmail for 10 years, and is a central component of the CIA's hidden "family jewels". Part of Nixon's strategy for dealing with Watergate was to hit the CIA hardest where it hurt the most. It appears he was prepared to reveal the existence of CIA/Mafia plots to assassinate Castro under President Kennedy. But at the same time Nixon wanted to know what the CIA might have that could be used against him. Still important questions linger. Does the IGR include information on domestic assassination, in particular the JFK case? Does Nixon's repeated reference to "the whole Bay of Pigs thing" include the JFK assassination?

Citizen's Review Commission

On the weekend of Oct. 21-23, the NY Citizen & Review Commission on the FBI will hold hearings to investigate and make public the harassment, murderous, and extra-legal activities of the FBI and other law enforcement agencies.

The NY Hearing Board will be composed of some 25 people selected by the Review Commission and representing the viewpoint of third world, labor, educational, and political communities. They will listen to testimony from a representative spectrum of individuals and groups who have been the target of FBI abuse.

If you can give any testimony about harassment, intimidation, surveillance, or any other infringement of democratic rights by any police agency, you should contact the Hearing Board. Recounting of first hand experiences are preferable and, if possible, should be documented. Testimony should be no more than 15 minutes long and can be submitted in writing if a personal appearance is impossible.

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OLTMAN'S NEW WITNESS

Wilhelm Oltmans, the Dutch journalist and the late George DeMorenschildt's father-confessor, was in Washington on Aug. 30 to give a press conference detailing his latest story surrounding the JFK assassination. He previewed the press conference with an appearance on ABC's *AM-AMERICA*.

Oltmans told the gathering of skeptical journalists that he has discovered a "reputable witness" with access to high level US intelligence information, who has divulged to him the entire scenario of the JFK case. Oltmans added that a complete intelligence report on the assassination had been given years ago to Jacqueline Kennedy and the Kennedy family. Oltmans further alleged that Ted Sorenson's unsuccessful bid for the CIA directorship may have been caused by the fact that he was privy to the Kennedy family information.

Oltmans provided few details on the identity of his witness, only saying that "he has known every US President since FDR". "I'm only allowed to give the name of my witness to Jimmy Carter," Oltmans added.

Oltmans said he has been in communication with the White House since June in an effort to arrange a meeting with Carter. Oltmans did meet with a Justice Dep't. representative, Robert Keuch, a special counsel to AG Griffin Bell, but declined to divulge the name of his witness. "The lines are open for future negotiations with the White House," he stated.

Little more than a week later, on Sept. 8, Oltmans appeared again on *AM-AMERICA* to announce the name of his witness: Gen. Donald Donaldson. He produced copies of letters sent by Donaldson to Pres. Ford and Sen. Church detailing his knowledge of the JFK plot. Donaldson fully briefed Ford in 1976, according to Oltmans. However, a spokesman for Ford heatedly denied the claim and Church's office could not recall having received Donaldson's letter.

Oltmans said he had decided to release Donaldson's name because Donaldson, unhappy with Oltmans' handling of the earlier press conference, had threatened to kill him. Oltmans said he has turned over all his information to the Justice Dep't., and the HSCA.

Donaldson, also known by the name Deco Dimitrov, was born a Bulgarian and was brought to the US in 1948 in an operation to import high-level anti-communist European refugees. More information on Donaldson can be expected soon.

WHO WAS GEORGE DeMOHRENSCHILD?

During a press conference on 8/30/77, Willem Oltmans alleged that he had seen a Pentagon intelligence report on the murder of George De Mohrenschildt.

An investigator from the HSCA was trying to reach George DeMohrenschildt on 3/29/77, the very day he died. Many observers believe that DeMohrenschildt's testimony would have revealed important information regarding the mystery of Lee Harvey Oswald's background, in particular his relationship with the White Russian community in Dallas.

While DeMohrenschildt's death created sensational headlines, the establishment press failed to seriously probe who DeMohrenschildt really was. What is known about him is sketchy and suggestive. One does not have to read between the lines to see him as a man of *savoir-faire*, intrigue, and connections. He traveled at high altitudes, and it is this very fact that makes his interactions with the Oswald nexus so significant.

DeMohrenschildt rubbed shoulders with some very important political forces during World War II. His association with Pierre Freyss of *Free French Intelligence*, and Konstantine Maydell of Abwehr, have led to speculation that George at one time worked for Abwehr, Vichy France, the Nazis, the K.G.B., Vlasovites, O.S.S., British Security Coordination, and the Rockefellers. Our guess, based on the limited documents available, is that George did some work for Freyss, which included keeping tabs on Maydell. But his loyalties may have run deeper. His activities during the war and his lifelong interest in oil and Latin America dovetails with the interests of British Security Coordination (BSC) - led by William Stephenson of "Intrepid" fame and Nelson Rockefeller, a key patron of BSC. In fact, Rocky had set up his own intelligence apparatus, the Office of Coordination of Inter-American Affairs, to help thwart the German oil supply from Latin and South America. In 1941, when George was apprehended in Mexico and accused of some low level espionage along with Lillie Pardo de Larin (who had Vichyite connections), he had on him letters of credit for \$6000 from Rocky's Chase Manhattan Bank. Also found was a letter from Maydell, reminding George to get the "necessary letters of credit from Nelson Rockefeller". Maydell certainly knew of Standard Oil's dealing with Nazi Germany, but he was not aware of Rocky's involvement with BSC. Was George a deep cover agent for BSC and/or Rocky? A clarification of his web ties could shed much light on subsequent events leading up to Dallas.

Another link in the DeMohrenschildt identity chain may be found in the allegation that he was booted out of Mexico in the company of J. Broderick MacArthur during the war. J. Broderick is the son of John D. MacArthur, Texas insurance billionaire, who, according to Warren Commission documents, bankrolled Jack Ruby's clubs through one of his financial institutions.

More information needs to be obtained about the family of George's second wife, Phyllis Washington, whose step-father, W. Walter Washington, was a member of the diplomatic corps. An effort was made to exclude Phyllis from the Warren Commission investigation. In January, 1964, she was thrown into a psychiatric hospital and J. Edgar Hoover, in a strongly worded letter, urged J. Lee Rankin not to talk to her. A report on Phyllis, dated March 5, 1964, by S.A. James Morrissey, accompanied the letter and is still classified.

George's last wife, the former Jeanne Fromenke, is also an enigma. To investigate her would involve many areas of research, including her family ties to Nationalist China, her brother, Sergio, who worked with the Manhattan project, and her previous husband Robert LeGron, who worked for Douglas Aircraft and was also committed to a psychiatric hospital in 1960.

During the fifties, George worked for a number of interesting organizations, including a combine called the Cuban-Venezuelan Oil Voting Trust, and a Murchison firm, Three States Oil and Gas. He visited Batista's Cuba in the company of the Buckley family's Patapac Oil. He represented Houston oilman John Mecon on business to the Shah of Iran. He was involved with PR magnate Carl Byoir in southwestern oil and real estate ventures. (Among Byoir's other associates were Howard Hughes, R.O. Anderson of Atlantic Richfield, John D. MacArthur, and the Aspen Institute).

In 1957, George was commissioned to perform a geological field survey of Yugoslavia by an arm of the Agency for International Development called the International Cooperation Administration. We now know that the I.C.A. provided cover for CIA personnel and that it originally funded a post-war operation by William Stephenson and his BSC cronies to "fill the void left by the German cartels". This organization, the British-American-Canadian Corp., would become the World Commerce Corp., and is known to have carried out projects in Yugoslavia at the same time George was there. Jeanne joined him in Yugoslavia, and once again he was accused of spying.

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Assassination Update

This fall's television schedule includes two programs on the JFK assassination. The CBS production, *RUBY AND OSWALD*, is expected to follow closely the discredited conclusions of the Warren Report. The program will focus on the actions of Oswald and Ruby and is being produced by the CBS entertainment department, in keeping with the growing phenomenon of "docudramas". Currently, there is no announced air date.

The ABC production, *THE TRIAL OF LEE HARVEY OSWALD*, is being produced by veteran entrepreneur and long-time antagonist to Warren Commission critics, Larry Schiller. Hopefully Schiller's pro-Warren Report leanings will be offset by the contributions of Richard Freed, who owns the rights to the play of the same title. Freed, sympathetic to anti-WC views, hired JFK assassination researcher David Lifton as a script consultant. Lifton reported that he was pleased with the latest script, but adds, "It's all up to the director and what he does with the material."

A fuller discussion of these programs will be included in an upcoming newsletter.

More enlightened and informative programming is currently being produced by the *CANADIAN BROADCASTING CORP.* and will be seen Tuesday, Nov. 22nd as a segment of the CBC's *Fifth Estate* (Canada's *60 Minutes*). It will focus on the research of Canadian Peter Dale Scott and his work on the organized crime and gun-running connections of Jack Ruby...

PRISCILLA JOHNSON McMILLAN'S book, *Marina & Lee* (Harper & Row), 14 years in the making, is due to be released in October. The author is the wife of George McMillan, author of *The Making of an Assassin*, a no-conspiracy treatment of James Earl Ray. As a correspondent stationed in Moscow in 1959, Ms. McMillan interviewed LHO after his so-called defection. In 1964, she signed an exclusive contract to write a book on Marina Oswald.

Due to the nature of her contract with Priscilla McMillan, Marina has been very reluctant to answer questions. Researchers and WC critics have long been intrigued by the fact that the book has taken so long to appear. There seems little reason why the book could not have been published years ago, as it appears unlikely that it will contain any new information. Both McMillans are firm supporters of the WR and a critical examination of Marina's contradictory and even perjurious testimony is unlikely...

A Los Angeles judge has turned down a request from *SIRHAN SIRHAN* that he be allowed to return to the Ambassador Hotel where RFK was assassinated nine years ago. Sirhan had been hoping to revisit the hotel in the hope of jarring his memory about events leading up to the assassination. Sirhan maintains that he continues to suffer from a "complete mental blackout" concerning all events immediately before and during the shooting.

However, Sirhan has told his attorney, Godfrey Issac, that under no circumstances will he undergo hypnotic treatments in an effort to restore his memory.

Several psychologists who have interviewed Sirhan, including prison psychiatrist Edward Simson, have suggested that Sirhan may have been placed in a hypnotic trance shortly before the RFK killing. Dr. Simson says he believes the "key" to the RFK assassination remains locked inside Sirhan's head, but that it could be retrieved through hypnotic techniques.

According to attorney Issac, Sirhan is opposed to undergoing hypnosis because he is "worried it will confuse his memory even more." (Excerpted from Zodiac News).

HENRY GONZALEZ (not the Congressman), who was Santos Trafficante's attorney when Trafficante testified before the HSCA in April, is now also the attorney representing New Orleans mob boss, Carlos Marcello, before the Miami grand jury investigating labor racketeering of longshoremen on the Miami docks. Trafficante reportedly is taking over some of Marcello's business operations in New Orleans because of the heat of the Miami grand jury. This close relationship with Marcello is now further demonstrated by the sharing of Gonzalez as counsel. . .

The CIA has announced it will phase out more than 800 employees over the next 2 years. Most of these workers are senior grade Washington based agents from the *OPERATIONS DIRECTORATE* (clandestine activities branch). A recent study ordered by Director Statsfield Turner concluded that the Operations Directorate is overstaffed and top-heavy. It can be anticipated that these firings will not go by without a struggle within the Agency, as Carter/Turner try to reorganize the CIA. . .

Ten years ago (Sept. 1 & 8, 1967) Life Magazine ran a long 2-part series entitled "The Mob" which dealt with the pervasive influence of organized crime in American society. Near the end of Part 2, the following insert appeared (it is reprinted in full):

"OFFICIAL COVER UP: A FLAGRANT CASE IN POINT"

If the Fix is on the Mob's most useful tool, the Cover-Up is of equal importance to public officials who allow themselves to be fixed or who ignore Fixes. Case in point: the censoring of the official report on organized crime of President Johnson's own crime commission. As an apparent result of political pressure, specific findings relating to official corruption were watered down or omitted.

Convened in 1965, the commission had the mandate to conduct the most far-reaching study of U.S. crime ever attempted. To prepare a special report on syndicated crime, the commission called upon a leading criminologist, Professor G. ROBERT BLAKEY of Notre Dame. The paper he submitted ran to 63 pages and, using Chicago as an example, dealt with specific links between public officials and organized crime. But when the commission issued its own final report, the Blakey findings had been reduced to four footnotes.

Blakey himself has refused to comment on the censorship. The crime commission's executive director, Harvard Law Professor James Vorenberg, who edited the final report, has denied to LIFE that he did any tampering: "It's all in the footnotes. We didn't change a comma, and if somebody says we did, it's a lie."

Nonetheless, a lot did get left out. One commission investigator thinks he knows why. "I believe the report was emasculated by Vorenberg because we didn't dampen this and dampen that. There were protests from officeholders in Chicago and enormous pressure for us not to be specific."

Here, for the first time, are some of the suppressed items:

— "The success of the Chicago group (of the Mob) has been primarily attributable to its ability to corrupt the law enforcement processes, including police officials and members of the judiciary. . ."

— "Control, sometimes direct, has been exercised over local, state and federal officials and representatives. Men have been told when to run or not run for office or how to vote or not vote on legislative issues or (for judges) how to decide motions to suppress evidence or for judgements of acquittal."

Blakey's report also spoke of 'racket influence' in the Illinois state legislature and charged that such influence had been used to hobble prosecutors and police.

Blakey had listed the high command of Cosa Nostra, whose names appeared in LIFE last week. Even this was deemed too hot for the final report. The reason is obvious: since Cosa Nostra leaders operate in specific localities, the mere fact of their success reflects on the performance of local officials."



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its flagrant violation of the principles of democracy and accountability as stipulated in the Constitution. Many of the 80 institutions, including 44 colleges and universities, and many scientists and doctors involved in these experiments were never informed that the CIA was sponsoring their research.

Information concerning CIA drug experiments was first brought to the attention of Pres. Ford in a 12/24/74 memorandum from CIA director William Colby. Ford had requested an explanation from Colby in response to the startling disclosures by Seymour Hirsch concerning massive illegal domestic CIA operations. The Rockefeller Report, issued in June '75, recommended that all drug experiments be prohibited in light of revelations about the death of Frank Olson, an Army biochemist who committed suicide in 1953 after being given LSD without his prior consent; Those responsible were never reprimanded for what happened. The Rockefeller panel did not attempt to probe MK-ULTRA and related mind control programs, such as "Artichoke" and "Bluebird".

The Church Comm. was told that the MK-ULTRA documents just released by the CIA had been destroyed in 1973. On 9/2/77, the CIA announced that 10,000 more documents had been discovered, which indicate that mind control experiments continued at least until 1973 under the code-name "MK-SEARCH" and "MK-NAOMI".

In addition to the new CIA documents, Senate investigators recently discovered the memoirs of George Hunter White, a former Lt. Colonel in the OSS, who participated in MK-ULTRA activities. The White House papers tell of attempts to use a marijuana extract as a truth serum dating as far back as 1943.

A Freedom of Information suit filed in Nov.'76 by John Marks (of the Center for National Security Studies) prompted little response in official circles. The CIA knew that MK-ULTRA documents existed at least since Feb.'77, yet the White House did not announce this discovery until two days after a major shakeup was reported in the top ranks of the CIA. On July 13th, Stansfield Turner demanded the early retirement of his No.1 deputy, E. Henry Knoche, along with 20 top officials within the CIA's Clandestine Operations branch, responsible for covert actions and dirty tricks. First reports indicated that Carter wanted Lyman Kirkpatrick to succeed Knoche as second in command. Kirkpatrick, however, is implicated in the MK-ULTRA scandal,

along with Richard Helms and a host of other high-ranking officials. It seems likely that the revelations of MK-ULTRA are related to the shake-up taking place in the upper echelons of the CIA. One effect of these disclosures was the dropping of Kirkpatrick as possible Deputy Director. The internal battles within the CIA seem likely to continue as forces sympathetic to Carter push their attempts to clean out lingering corruption; i.e., unfriendly elements, within the Agency.

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In 1960, George and Jeanne embarked on an 8 month walking tour of Mexico and Central America. George took notes and film along the way, which he delivered to the State Dept. afterward. He was in Guatemala when the Bay of Pigs invasion was launched from there.

These are some of the less publicized leads that need further study. Not to be excluded, of course, are his pre and post assassination dealings in Haiti, and his associations in Dallas, including people like Max Clark, security chief at Convair, and J. Walter Moore, the Dallas CIA chief. George DeMohrenchild's life intersected many crucial aspects of the shadowy world which spawned the JFK assassination. It is important to find out who he really was and why he died the day he was to be interviewed by the HSCA.

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